GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY TO SPIRITUAL LEADERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides security to the spiritual leaders of different communities or political leaders of different communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the prominent leaders of organizations like VHP and other such organisations and any other religious leaders are being provided security cover;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government intimate the persons who cannot be provided security by the Government to make alternative arrangements;

(f) whether such persons whom the Government cannot protect can have their own security; and

(g) if so, the details regarding the procedure being followed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Security is provided on the basis of threat assessment in respect of such spiritual and political leaders of different communities/religions including organizations like VHP, who face threat from militant or extremist organisations.

(e) to (g): The security is provided by Ministry of Home Affairs, to all threatened persons provided such threat predominantly comes from militants/terrorists. Due consideration is also given in cases where such threat emanates from organized criminals, mafia or gangs and the protectee himself is not involved in them. If threat comes from other than above sources the requests received by this Ministry are forwarded to the local police which makes security arrangements as per local threat perception.